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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003. It is noted that WO 98/51679 was submitted on September 2, 2004 with an appropriate concise explanation of relevance but was erroneously not considered, so it is being submitted again.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

1. The submission of an English language abstract and citing of U.S. Patent 6,136,851 for WO 98/51679 A1 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of WO 98/51679 A1.
2. The submission of an English language abstract for JP-A-58-203982 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A-58-203982.
3. The submission of an English language abstract and citing of U.S. Publication 2005/0065206 for JP-A-2004-2277 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A-2004-2277.
4. The submission of an English language abstract and citing of U.S. Publication 2005/0048011 for JP-A-2004-2278 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A-2004-2278.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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